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SHORTAGE OF SKILLED MANPOWER IN TEXTILE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a new scheme for providing more incentives to the textile industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the textile industry is facing shortage of trained labour/skilled manpower;

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is any proposal to establish new institutes in order to train workers on public-private partnership model; and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which these institutes are likely to be established?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): An Action Plan drawn up recently for the growth of textile industry has identified following thrust areas:

Apparel & Garments;
Fibre Availability;
Manpower Development,
Textile Machinery; and
Technical Textiles.

Necessary action to implement the Action Plan has since been initiated in consultation with the Planning Commission, Ministry of Finance, etc. Some new initiatives, viz. Scheme for Market Development and Product Diversification, Manpower Development Scheme - known as the `Neighbourhood Apparel & Textile Training Institutes for Job Assurance (NATIJA)`, Creation of Investment Regions, Technology Mission on Technical Textiles, etc., have since been proposed. However, no further details are available.

(c) to (f): A statement is annexed.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to parts (c) to (f) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2374 for 3.12.2007

The textiles have been recognized as a thrust area for growth during the Eleventh Five Year Plan due to the sector`s potential to boost productivity, employment and investment. Thus, it is projected that an additional 12 million jobs will be created (5 million for skilled employees and 7 million for semi-skilled employees). This, in turn, will create the need for an enlarged training and educational infrastructure. The Scheme of Neighbourhood Apparel & Textile Training Institutes for Job Assurance (NATIJA) has been formulated for establishing a network of employment-linked training facilities in basic garment manufacturing technology. The Scheme is designed to meet the projected demand of 4 million trained workers required in the garment industry over the next 5 years. This Scheme is to be operated at regional and sub-regional level across the country on Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. The existing ITIs/ Polytechnics and other such institutes could be considered for locating such centres in the initial phase. Creation of new training centres may be considered subsequently to meet the demand, as and when required. However, no time frame in this regard can be indicated at this stage.